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Hostel Assumes Taxes On Tyler Property As A Contribution

Although the Youth Hostel is tax exempt and legally recognized as an educational and eleemosynary institution, it is nevertheless desirous of being a vital part of the community, and of bearing its share of responsibility to the town. Though it contributes to the well-being and health of the life of young people here, it wishes nevertheless to go further than that, and to make a gift to the community. It has informed the assessors asking that they accept the sum of \$150.77, the equivalent of taxes paid last year by Mr. Tyler on the property recently purchased, as their contribution to the finances of the town.

The staff is very happy to have the Tyler property as a staff house. Crowded living conditions at the headquarters have long made a new staff house imperative. This beautiful building, adjacent as it is to the present buildings, will be a joy to all.

Monroe and Isabel Smith, directors of the hostel movement in America and residents of Northfield have sent the following communication to the assessors of the town:

"Even though the American Youth Hostels, Inc., enjoys the privileges of tax exemption, it wishes to play a part in the life of the community. In view of this fact, and as the AYH is not assessed for taxes in Northfield, the executive committee has suggested that on May 1, 1940, the day on which the AYH takes possession of the Tyler property, the AYH will contribute to the town of Northfield the sum of \$150.77, which was paid last year on that property as taxes.

"The AYH has long been eager to make a contribution to the town, but until now has been unable to do so. The books of the AYH, audited yearly by Scovell, Wellington & Co., are open at all times to inspection. Since the establishment of the American Youth Hostels, Inc., an educational, eleemosynary, character-building, non-profit making institution, it has been tax exempt on the statute books at Boston. From that time to the present, the AYH has consistently adhered to its purposes and principles, operating strictly within the confines of a legally tax exempt organization. No individual can at any time make a profit from the American Youth Hostels, Inc. Only modest salaries are paid, the highest salary paid to any individual thus far being \$2,000 a year.

"We trust that this contribution will meet with your approval, and we anticipate that our executive committee will be able to make a similar contribution of at least that amount each year.

"We would like to take this opportunity to speak a word of appreciation for the attitude of townspeople toward the hostellers. The 11,144 hostellers who have visited Northfield in the past five years have all enjoyed their visits. Our staff of thirty enjoy much their residence here. At church, school, and Grange, they are always made to feel welcome."

The local assessors are Clifford Field, Fred S. Merrifield and Ernest A. Parker. No comment has been forthcoming from them, but it is probable that the matter will be referred to the annual town meeting for consideration.

Grave Was Decorated

Dwight L. Moody, died on Friday, Dec. 22, 1899, just forty years ago on Friday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pitt went to Round Top on the Seminary campus last Friday and Mrs. Pitt placed a wreath on the graves of Mr. Moody and his wife who lie buried there. She is their daughter.

Auto Registrations

Motorists are rushing this year to obtain their insurance and the registration of their cars, and the registry at Greenfield is indeed a busy place, often many waiting in line for attention. You cannot run your car on your 1939 plates after midnight, Sunday, Dec. 31 unless you have your 1940 plates in the car, if you have them with you, you are allowed until noon Jan. 1 to change them over.

Most motorists in Northfield must have their plates in possession already as might be indicated from the amount of business which has gone through the hands of local agents.

For 1939, 960,956 passenger cars were registered as of record Nov. 30, an increase over the previous year, in the state.

Sir Gallahad Pageant Was Well Presented At Unitarian Church

Sunday evening last at the Unitarian church, there was presented as a service of worship, the pageant, "The Consecration of Sir Gallahad" to an audience that almost filled the church. Rev. Mary Andrews Conner, the pastor of the church directed the pageant and presided at the services for the evening. The young people of the church assisted by other friends assumed the characters and were costumed in the garments of the time.

The participants were Robert Hopkins, Winona Robinson, David Cook, Mrs. David Cook, Leslie Kasandi, Marion Avery, Margaret Rich, Doris Miller, Donald Finch, Stephen Hopkins, Robert Miller, Carroll Rich, Howard Spaulding, Ian French, Persis Washer, Lois Washer, Delphine Field, Arlene Finch, Ruth Spaulding, Harriet Dwight, Louise Dwight, Lillian Dawe, Ruth Dawe, Carolyn Miller, David Quinn and Susanna Wilder.

Mr. Ripley handled the lighting effects and Mr. Buffum, our local photographer took several flash light pictures of the various scenes. The choir of the church was augmented by members of the choir of the Congregational church and the carols were sung under the direction of Irving J. Lawrence. Mrs. Goodspeed and Mrs. Webster presided at the organ. The program was in two parts, first, the dedication of Sir Gallahad and second, the birth of Christ. The presentation was well given, and the earnest participation of all who took part, made impressive the knight's preparation for his quest and the attainment of his goal in the beautiful vision of the Nativity.

Rev. Mrs. Conner expresses deep appreciation for the splendid spirit of cooperation which Mr. Lawrence and some members of the North church choir, together with other persons from there and the Catholic church, evidenced in participation of the Nativity pageant. In time this spirit may eventuate in a real town unity of church effort.

More Go To Florida

In the "Press" of Dec. 8 we published a list of Northfield folks who are in Florida, or elsewhere in the sunny south for the winter. The list proved interesting and revealed that Northfield has indeed a large colony who had fled from the severity of a northern winter. To this list can now be added Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Moody at Daytona Beach, Miss Fanny C. Hatch at St. Petersburg, Miss Margaret Ross at Lynn Haven, Mrs. Julia Ennis at Miami, Mr. and Mrs. Amos P. Field at Orlando, Mrs. Edna B. Jenkins at Crescent City, Mrs. William J. McRoberts at New Smyrna, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wright at Punta Gorda.

Salvation Army Fund Is Completed Here

The recent campaign in town for the Salvation Army has ended although belated subscriptions may be sent in at any time. The amount of funds received amount to \$205.79 of which 20 per cent will be set aside for local needs to be expended under the direction of Chairman Ross L. Spencer and Treasurer Wm. F. Hoehn of the Northfield committee. Assistance to persons will be given only after complete investigation of each request and contributors to the fund are asked to report any extreme cases of need to the above officials. The campaign was held rather early in the season this year because of its omission last year.

DOORS

Some doors have hearts, it seems to me
They open so invitingly;
You feel they are quite kind—akin
To all the warmth you find within.
Some doors, so weather beaten,
Gray, swing open in a listless way,
As if they wish you had not come
Their stony silence leaves you dumb.
Some classic doors stand closed and barred
As if their beauty might be marred
If any sought admittance there,
Save kings or prince or millionaire.
Oh, may mine be a friendly door:
May all who cross the threshold
Over
Within find content and rest,
And know each was a welcomed guest.

—Lona P. Macdorman

Finnish Relief

The Press expresses its appreciation for prompt response to the appeal for Finnish relief. The monies received will be forwarded to headquarters in New York. The appeal is urgent—very needful and contributions may be left with Mrs. Walter Hyde who is acting as treasurer at the Bookstore.

Oscar M. Koehler, Hermon Cashier, Dies

Oscar Martin Koehler, assistant cashier at Mount Hermon school since 1911, died suddenly last Friday afternoon, while at his work in the office, from a heart attack at the age of 49 years. Mr. Koehler mentioned to his associates during the day that he did not feel as well as usual and was planning to go to his home at Easthampton for the Christmas holiday. His death came as a great shock to his friends and family.

He was born in Easthampton, November 24, 1890 and was the son of Richard and Anna (Hofmann) Koehler. He was educated in the schools of Easthampton and in Williston academy. He was a member of the Easthampton Congregational church. He leaves one sister, Mrs. Thomas Mansfield; four brothers, Frederick, George, Frank and Edward, all of Easthampton.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at his home in Easthampton and was attended by a delegation from Mount Hermon school.

Very Cold Weather Visits This Section

Intensely cold weather has visited Northfield and this entire section this week and for three days there has been a strong northwest wind with the thermometer hovering at or below the zero mark. It is said to be the coldest weather spell for long duration for some time. Very little snow is to be seen here although the ground is well frozen. Further north and on the mountains there seems to be quite a little snow of the light and powder kind. The rainfall of last week provided much water for the wells and brooks. Just now very little running water is to be seen as the lakes, rivers and ponds are now all solidly frozen over.

New 1000-Foot Ski Tow

The county has a new ski tow and it is located at Bernardston on the hill directly to the west of the junction of Routes 10 and 5. It will be ready for operation just as soon as sufficient snow of the right kind, makes it available for use. It is a 1000-foot gasoline powered tow and is located on the property of Selectman Herbert Slate. A log cabin is being erected and refreshments will be served. The location beside being convenient for sport fans, is described as one of the most gradual and pleasant slopes for amateur skiing in this section. Automobiles will be able to reach it directly by road. A number of Northfield young folks were looking over the trail on Wednesday.

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KEEP THOU MY HEART

Keep thou my heart till summer comes again,
O little cabin folded in God's hills.
Here in the city's toil it has small part;
I cannot make it happy. Care and pain
Will be its portion where the myriad ills
Of life surround it. Take my tired heart
Safe in the promise of a thousand springs,
Where it can hide away and take its rest.
The snow will comfort it; and April rain
Will waken it with all the growing things
That slumber in the dear Earth—Mother's breast.
Keep thou my heart till summer comes again.

—Buel P. Colton



The Grange Members Enjoy Christmas Party

Grange members and their guests had a Christmas party in the Grange hall Tuesday evening. A pantomime entitled "The Night After Christmas" was directed by Mrs. Bertha Rikert. The following took part:

Mrs. Geneva Dawe, Lillian Dawe, Mrs. Pearl Allen, Emory Rikert, Vera Allen, Carolyn Miller, Paul and John Rikert, Mary Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morse and Robert Allen.

Readings were given by Mrs. Carroll Miller, Mrs. Clara Hale, Mrs. Arthur Farnum and Mrs. Dorothy Hilliard. Music for the program was furnished by the Stacy brothers with violin and guitar; trombone and piano, Edith and Ethel Tenney; violin and accordion, Allie Skib and Mrs. Ruth Holton.

Refreshments were served by a committee with Mrs. Pearl Allen as chairman. The next meeting will be Jan. 9 when the 1940 officers will be installed.

Carry Health Greetings

The four center stamps in this year's sheet of 100 Christmas Seals carry Christmas and health greetings. One reads—"Health to All!" another, "Holiday Greetings!" A third center seal carries the message "Protect Your Home from Tuberculosis," and the fourth reads "Tuberculosis—Preventable, Curable."

Ready for "March of Dimes"



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Keith Morgan (left), National Chairman of the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday, hands Commissioner George E. Allen, of the District of Columbia, his Certificate of Authority as Chairman of the "March of Dimes" Committee for the "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign.

Commissioner Allen will direct distribution of "March of Dimes" birthday cards in all the states which will be filled with dimes and sent to President Roosevelt at the White House.

Town Meeting

It's only a month away but for the annual town meeting preparations are being made which falls on the first Monday in February which is the 5th. The town reports as of Dec. 31 will be presented, officers elected and provision made for the town affairs for the coming year. Upon the appropriations made will depend the tax rate.

The Hostel Entertains At Christmas Dinner

It was a pleasure to the AYH to act as hosts for Christmas dinner at the hostel, to which many were welcomed. Thirty-six guests sat down at table together, enjoying the customary turkey and fixin's.

The group was led in grace by Rev. W. H. Giebel, after which the Youth Hostel grace was sung.

Following the dinner, the group gathered around the fireplace to hear Mrs. Isabel Smith tell her version of the "Christmas Story," and of the beginning of hosting in Europe. Mrs. Smith expressed the hope that the present world conflict might soon come to an end, and that youth hosting could do much to prepare for peace, cementing bonds of friendship and creating a generous and tolerant mind.

While hosting in Europe is more or less curtailed during the period of war, it is our privilege, here in America, to keep alive the spirit of hosting until we may again share it with our beloved friends abroad.

It is the hope of the AYH that this Christmas dinner for our Northfield friends at the hostel will become a yearly custom, and that all who are lonely or alone at Christmas will feel free to enjoy and partake of the welcome extended to them by the hostel.

Judge Hardy and Son

Lewis Stone, Mickey Rooney, and the rest of the famous Hardy family are coming to the Litch Theatre, Brattleboro, for four days starting Sunday in "Judge Hardy and Son," eighth all-new adventures of the group. This time, instead of traveling the family stays home. There are poignant moments when the family fears the loss of the mother through illness. There are hilarious complications in Andy Hardy's life, and several tense dramatic moments in the life of the family.

George B. Seitz, who piloted all but one of the Hardy series, directed Lewis Stone as the judge and father, Mickey as Andy Hardy, Cecilia Parker as his sister, Fay Holden as the mother, and Sara Holden as the aunt, with Ann Rutherford as Polly Benedict, Mickey's high school sweetheart, comprise the "regular" cast of the series. Mme. Maria Ouspenskaya, distinguished Russian actress, June Preisser, Henry Hull, Martha O'Driscoll, Margaret Early, Leona Maricle, Egon Brecher, Edna Holland, George Breakston and Marie Blake are others in the cast.

Thrills include the flood sequence and Mickey's adventures with his recalcitrant car. Comedy highlights include his involvement with three pretty girls at once and his struggle to extricate himself from the predicament.

Church Services

UNITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday, 9:45, church school; 10:45, church worship with the sermon theme, "Things From 1939 to be Remembered."

TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 o'clock for the study of the scriptures. At 11 o'clock the regular preaching service when the choir will offer special anthems; the subject of the sermon will be "We Beheld His Glory." At 2:30, Sunday school at the Farms, followed by a worship service. At 7 o'clock the meeting of the Senior Endeavor. At 8 o'clock, preaching service at the vestry. At 10 o'clock watchnight service in the Young People's room.

Tuesday at 7:45, Cottage prayer service with Mrs. Anson Howard.

Wednesday the meeting of the Ladies' Missionary society; subject, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Leaders, Mrs. F. N. Freeman and Mrs. W. H. Giebel.

Thursday, all-day meeting of the Sewing society with lunch at noon. At 7:30, weekly prayer service at the vestry.

A Date With Hobbies Fortnightly Members To Hear About Them

The members of the Fortnightly have an interesting session to look forward to on Friday of next week, Jan. 5, when Miss Maud Hamilton with Miss Ina Merriman, and Miss Elizabeth Braley will present a program with "Hobbies." Not much is being said about the details of the presentation but the members are assured that the program will be most interesting. It is expected that as a result of the meeting there will be a number of new hobbyists. The meeting will be held in Alexander hall at 3 o'clock and Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed the president will preside at the business session. Tea will be served by a committee consisting of Mrs. Charles L. Johnson, Mrs. Ernest Billings and Mrs. George Davis. The meeting will be the first gathering held in the new year.

As To Christmas Cards

Perhaps no one within reach of the mails, has failed to send some cards of greeting at this Christmas time to friends and loved ones, and from the many sacks of mail which have arrived at our post offices, it would seem that everybody had received their share of the holiday greetings. No more interesting pastime could be had by recipients of cards, than to go over their collection and absorb the verse and study the artistic merits of each card. People are selecting cards today which suit their fancy and express their individualism.

The Editor has had the privilege of seeing many unusual cards received in Northfield this Christmas season and some are really par excellence. The greeting of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peering, original in every way and bearing the pictures of their three children is a work of art. Mr. and Mrs. Towner send from Reno, an unusual card with the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. Cards abound with photographs of covered bridges, church spires and persons. Most all cards are now of American manufacture and only a few of foreign make are noted. Of the latter the cards of Japan seem to be the best. A card of Dr. Richard and Miss Marion Holton bears a Northfield scene and the card of the Misses Hamilton a covered bridge.

35 Years of Progress

This year marks the thirty-fifth anniversary of the National Tuberculosis Association. Back in 1904, a group of far-sighted physicians and laymen organized the Association to combat through medical science and education—the nation's greatest killer. The National Tuberculosis Association receives its entire support from Christmas Seals.

THE CHRISTMAS SILENCE

Hushed are the pigeons cooing low
On dusty rafters of the loft;
And mild-eyed oxen breathing soft,
Sleep on the fragrant hay below.

Dim shadows in the corner hide;
The glimmering lantern's rays are shed
Where one young lamb just lifts his head,
Then huddles 'gainst his mother's side.

Strange silence tingles in the air;
Through the half-open door a bar
Of light from one low-hanging star
Touches a baby's radiant hair.

No sound: the mother, kneeling, lays
Her cheek against the little face
Oh human love! Oh heavenly grace!
'Tis yet in silence that she prays!

Ages of silence end tonight;
Then to the long-expectant earth
Glad angels come to greet His birth
In bursts of music, love, and light!

—Margaret Leland

In "Our Dumb Animals"

Lloyd and Margaret Carne both arrived home last weekend to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, the Rev. and Mrs. W. Stanley Carne. Their son, Homer, his wife and family, from Norway, Me., are also on a visit with them.

New Year's Dinner

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TOWN TOPICS

Miss Sally Dykes of Millers Falls, well known here as a musical artist is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dykes from her studies at the Sherwood School of Music in Chicago.

Rev. and Mrs. Ellis E. Jones spent the Christmas holidays with their son, Dr. Walter Jones, and his family, at Providence, R. I.

Charles E. Leach, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Leach of Northfield Farms, is spending his vacation with them at Sunset Farms.

Recorded in the Keene registry is a deed, transferring two tracts of land and buildings on the Ashuelot road in Winchester, from Herbert F. Boyd, executor, of Wilmington, Vt., to Harold F. and Dorothy J. Bigelow of Northfield. Bernardston is to have the new dial system of telephones and the company have begun the erection of a building to house the equipment on the main road opposite the library. When will Northfield be added is suggested.

Raymond Miller of the Michigan school of radio science in Kalamazoo, Mich., and Doris Miller, student at Fenn College, Cleveland, Ohio, are at their homes for the holidays.

Miss Anna Fisher, student at Colby College, and Miss Eva Fisher, student at Michigan State College, Lansing, Mich., are at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Fisher, for the holiday season.

The Women's Sewing society of the Congregational church held an all-day sewing meeting with lunch at noon, Thursday, in the church vestry.

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Truesdell of Bernardston held a family Christmas party with 24 in attendance which included Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Truesdell and family of this town.

Inventory of the estate of Ida M. Bridges of Deerfield, filed in Probate court lists personal property of \$23,283.53 and real estate of \$3200. Mrs. Bridges was a sister of Mrs. Agnes Harradon formerly of this town who is a beneficiary under the will.

The Mass. Republican club will hold a big meeting in the Mechanics building in Boston on Wednesday evening, Jan. 24 when District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey of New York City, a potential presidential candidate will be the speaker. Local Republicans are invited to attend and it is expected that several from this town will attend.

The Christmas party for the children of the Sunday school of the Congregational church was held last week Friday evening. Supper was served at decorated tables by a committee of the women of the church and afterward a program of music and singing of Christmas carols was furnished under the direction of Mr. Lawrence.

A suggestion has been made to the "Press" that the trees and brush along the new Wanamaker road needs some attention. The Editor made enquiry and learns that the State Highway department has sole supervision within the bounds of the highway and that property owners of the land adjoining, mostly that of the Northfield Seminary will make their own cleaning up in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Billings of Northfield Farms observed the 36th anniversary of their wedding at their home last Sunday. Many friends called to extend their greetings and wish them continued health and happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Donahue and their daughter Margaret Mary spent Christmas in Holyoke with relatives.

The three-months-old daughter, Edwina, of Edward and Sophie Combalist of the Northfield Farms road, near Millers Falls died Tuesday of pneumonia.

George McEwan, Edgar J. Livingston, Frank Dunn, Ernest James, David Birdsall and Percy Richmond attended the funeral of Oscar M. Koehler at Easthampton Tuesday afternoon.

It is said that less than fifty copies of the Northfield history, "The Puritan Outpost" has been sold by the publishers, Macmillan and Company.

The fund for Polish relief in the county has been increased to \$1700 according to the latest report. The most successful campaign has ended. One half of the amount has already been sent to the Polish Ambassador in Washington for Red Cross Polish relief.

Robert Donigan, agent at the Mount Hermon station is ill at his home here.

The Grange will hold another dance next Thursday evening. James W. Mattern, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mattern of Highland Avenue is spending the holiday week in Bergenfield, N. J., with his aunt, Mrs. Gunner Anderson and family.

Mrs. Galen Stearns has completed the apartment, over the garage at the junction of Routes 63 and 10. It will be used for living quarters.

Miss Bernice Webster of New York is spending the holiday season here with her mother and sister.

Contrary to all reports skating is permitted on Wanamaker pond and all may delight themselves on the ice.

The selectmen held a long and extended meeting Tuesday evening at the town hall to conclude the business for the year and the preparations for the annual report.

Mrs. Merrill T. Moore is closing her house this week and will go to live with her daughter, Mrs. W. N. Boyston in Brattleboro for the rest of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Johnson of Parker street entertained on Christmas day for dinner a party of fourteen relatives and friends.

Rev. Mrs. Conner and her guest, Miss Sylvia Bliss, spent Christmas day in Milford, N. H. as guests of close friends, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dyson and family.

The engagement is announced of Miss Evelyn Brayton of Canton to Robert Anders Stromberg of New York, the marriage to take place next July. Miss Brayton is a graduate of Northfield Seminary.

The Christmas card of Congressman and Mrs. Treadway, received by friends here, bears a beautiful steel engraving of the Capitol building at Washington and is about three by five inches in size.

Harry Gingras of the Northfield Pharmacy spent the Christmas holiday with his family at Ashland, N. H.

Mrs. F. H. Briesmaster is entertaining her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lester F. Gray of New York this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Miller entertained at their home at Christmas time, the four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Polhemus, Tabor, Douglas, Jack and Roger. Their parents are in Miami, Fla. Tabor is the son-in-law of the Millers.

Many local folks are enjoying the program of Mrs. Frances Walker over the radio WHAI and last Friday in the broadcast she was assisted by Mrs. Durgin and her daughter Helen, and by Mrs. M. C. Weber and her son, Carol.

A motorist "hell bent," crazy or drunken, drove his car through the Main street of this town, at least 70 miles an hour shortly before noon last Tuesday. Many citizens whom he passed were awed by his daring. At Parker street his car left a cloud of dust as he swerved off the highway for a distance.

AMERICA'S MAKING

He studied it with sweet flowing fountains and traced it with long winding streams. He carpeted it with soft rolling prairies and columned it with thundering mountains. He graced it with deep shadowed forest and filled them with song.

Then he called unto a thousand peoples and summoned the bravest among them. They came from the ends of the earth, each bearing a gift and a hope.

The glow of adventure was in their eyes, and in their hearts the glory of hope. And out of the bounty of earth and the labor of men: Out of the longing of hearts and prayer of souls; Out of the memory of ages and the hopes of the world; God fashioned a nation in love, blessed it with purpose sublime and called it America.

—Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

The Eating
of the Green

—By Frances Lee Barton

COLORS have certain traits that are universally sensed. The green of grass or leaves; the green of the ocean; green salads, beverages and desserts—all give one a feeling of coolness at sight.

Remember this when serving meals. A cool looking salad attracts. A cool tasting salad delights. A carefully balanced green salad is ideal for these early fall days, particularly when the thermometer is still too high for comfort.

Sea Dream Cheese Salad
1 package lime-flavored gelatin;
1 cup hot water; 1 cup grated cucumber; 1 tablespoon vinegar; ½ teaspoon scraped onion; dash of cayenne; ½ teaspoon salt; 1 package (3 ounces) cream cheese; ½ cup sliced green pepper; 1 cup diced celery.

Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Add cucumber, vinegar, onion, cayenne, and salt. Force through sieve. Chill. When slightly thickened, add ½ to softened cream cheese. Fold in green pepper and celery, turn into fruit-shaped molds, and chill until firm. 11 molds with remaining thickened gelatin mixture. Chill until firm. Unmold on crisp lettuce. Garnish with mayonnaise, if desired. Serves 6.



Cookies

Always Apropos

—By Frances Lee Barton

TIME marches on. New dishes appear. New methods of cooking are discovered. But the cookie is as popular with us as it was with our parents or our grandparents. New recipes like the following should tend to make it even more popular:

Mahogany Ice Box Cookies

4 cups sifted cake flour; 4 teaspoons double-acting baking powder; ¼ teaspoon salt; 1½ cups softened butter or other shortening; 1½ cups sugar; 2 eggs, unbeaten; 4 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted; 1 teaspoon vanilla; 2 cups shredded coconut.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Combine butter, sugar, eggs, chocolate, and vanilla, beating with spoon until blended; then add coconut. Add flour gradually, mixing well after each addition. Divide dough in two parts. Place on waxed paper and shape in rolls, 1½ inches in diameter; roll each in waxed paper. Chill overnight, or until firm enough to slice. Cut in ¼ inch slices; bake on ungreased baking sheet in moderate oven (350° F.) 10 minutes, or until done. Makes 7 dozen cookies.

What?
No Frosting?

—By Frances Lee Barton

EAT without gravy, bread without butter, or cake without frosting—these are not the things that appeal.

Of course some delicious cakes are not to be frosted. As a rule, however, the frosting is desirable. Furthermore, the frosting should vary. Keep away from constant repetition and serve some new frosting that will delight. Here is one that is ideal for straight cakes, layer cakes or cup cakes.

Chocolate Mocha Frosting
2 tablespoons butter; 2½ cups sifted confectioners' sugar; ½ teaspoon vanilla; ¼ teaspoon salt; ½ square unsweetened chocolate, melted; 8 tablespoons strong coffee.

Cream butter; add part of sugar gradually, blending after each addition. Add vanilla, salt, and chocolate and mix well. Add remaining sugar, alternately with coffee, until of right consistency to spread. Beat after each addition until smooth. Makes enough frosting to cover tops of two 9-inch layers, or top and sides of 8x8x2 inch cake, or about 2 dozen cup cakes.

SHEAR NONSENSE

Reader: I want the book called Who Is Your Principal? but I don't know who wrote it.

Librarian: Hoosier Schoolmaster is the book you want.

Hostess: Did you have enough to eat?

Small Boy: Yes ma'am. Didn't you see my mother look at me?

Waiter: These are the best eggs we have had for years.

Diner: Well, bring me some you haven't had so long.

A Motorist: Doesn't that roar of traffic affect your driving?

B Motorist: I'll say it does! I can't hear a word my wife says.

Prospective Buyer: But I don't exactly like the looks of your '40 model in front.

Salesman: But look at the lines from the back. Doesn't it look good from that view?

Buyer: Yes, but...

Salesman: Well, that's all anybody ever sees of this car.

The golfer drove too soon from the tee while a bowlegged player was still playing his second shot.

The drive passed between the latter's legs.

"Sir," bellowed the player when they met later, "that's not golf!"

"I know," replied the other, "but its jolly fine croquet."

Cutting: Do you ever pause and reflect on the opportunities you have missed?

Nutting: No. It would be just my luck to miss some more while I was reflecting.

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Minister: But, my dear sir, your plans don't call for a spire on the

new church.

Architect: No, sir; they don't put spires on churches any more. They're too good a mark in case of war.

Relish Maker: I have picked Walla Walla for our new factory site.

Friend: But why Walla Walla? Relish Maker: Well it sounds like a good place to make chow chow.

Teacher: What are you doing—are you learning something? Tommy: No, ma'am; I'm just listenin' to you.

He: Aren't the stars numerous tonight? She: Yeah, and ain't there a lot of them?

Dumb: Is he a reckless driver? Bell: Say, when the road turns the way he does, it's a coincidence!



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TO DELIGHT THE EYE as well as the palate, try this tiger ice cream cake at your next hot-weather party. It consists of layers of devil's food cake put together with apricot rennet custard ice cream, which will delight your heart too, because only 1/4 of its liquid is cream, yet it contrives to be velvety-smooth and deliciously full-bodied.

A dessert for a hot-weather party which is both unusual and easy to prepare is really something of an achievement. Ideas have a way of flowing sluggishly in hot weather, and it is only too easy to give up with the melancholy reflection that everything's been done before.

Here's an idea with no past, so far as we know. We might tell you that we got it looking at the tiger in the zoo, but it's just as new as though that were strictly true. You'll see that the tiger really belongs in this picture when we reveal that it is a new kind of layer cake, with alternate layers of rich brown devil's food cake and bright golden apricot ice cream. You lay them together on your nicest oblong platter and serve it in slices.

Not the least exciting part about this striped beauty is that only one-fourth of the total liquid is whipping cream, whereas most home-made ice creams use from one-half to twice as much cream as milk. Of course that means fewer calories and less expense, but it does not mean less creamy smoothness. In fact you never ate a more delicious ice cream than this one in which rennet takes the place, so to speak, of much of the cream and most of the cooking which probably goes into the ice creams you are in the habit of making.

But try it yourself. Use your favorite devil's food recipe, and this recipe for the ice cream:

Tiger Ice Cream Cake

- 2 rennet tablets
- 2 tablespoons cold water
- 3 cups milk
- 1 cup heavy cream (80%)
- 1 cup sugar
- Pinch salt
- 1 1/4 cups dried apricot puree
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- Devil's Food loaf cake

Dissolve rennet tablets in the water. Warm milk, cream and sugar to lukewarm (110° F.). In top of double boiler. Remove from heat, quickly stir in dissolved rennet tablets, and pour into freezer can. Let stand at room temperature until firm and cool. Add apricot puree and lemon juice, and freeze in a mixture of 6 parts ice to 1 part salt until stiff. Lift out can, remove dasher, and replace cover, corking hole tightly. Empty ice and water from freezer, replace can, and repack with 12 parts ice to 1 part salt. Let stand several hours before serving.

Have devil's food cake baked in 3 shallow oblong pans. Cool; then place in refrigerator to chill thoroughly. When ready to serve, spread quickly a thick filling of firm apricot ice cream between the layers. If preferred, it may be served as an ice cream sandwich, using 3 small scoops of firm ice cream between 3-inch squares of chilled cake. Serves 12 to 15.

Teacher: Johnnie, what did you have for breakfast?
Johnnie: I et six eggs.
Teacher: Why Johnnie! You should say, ate.
Johnnie: Well, maybe it was right that I et.

Prof.: Can you give me an example of wasted energy?
Student: Yes sir, telling a hair-raising story to a bald-headed man.

Little Boy: Lady, if you'll give us a nickel, my little brother will imitate a hen.
Lady: What will he do? Cackle?
Little Boy: Naw, he wouldn't do no cheap imitation like that. He'll eat a woin!

English Visitor: Your sky here is much clearer than in London.
N. Y. cab driver: Sure, we have sky-scraper here.

There are no such things as marriage ties. The wife always wins.

TWISTING THE DIALS With A. L. SIMON

"Give me the air. Give me the air. The ship has exploded!" These were the words coming from the lips of James Bowen in Montevideo, that set the NBC wires popping when the Admiral Graf Spee, went up in smoke. That was a historic moment in broadcasting and this war may bring many more. Bowen's description of the scuttling of the German vessel can be classed as radio history.

There have been other dramatic moments. Most of you know how Chamberlain sounded at 5 a. m. when he announced that England was at war with Germany. We were resting on a beautiful lawn in the country that Sunday morning with a portable radio at our side. That, we thought, was the most eventful broadcast of all time.

There was the amazing description of the Hindenburg disaster delivered by Herbert Morrison who happened to be at the airport when the huge dirigible exploded. The eye-witness account was being put on a disk. So important was this broadcast that NBC discarded its ten-year ruling saying no recordings were to be broadcast.

These have been some epoch-making programs. The current European situation will bring others.

CHATTER—If the coin is okay Jack Haley will return to the networks early in January. . . . Giants and Yankees are reported set against broadcasts of the games next year. . . . Dodgers will be on the air with all but the Sunday contests. . . . if you missed it: Fred Allen whose good-natured digs at Philadelphia hotels has the City of Brotherly Love fearful of losing the political conventions, tried to square himself on last week's broadcast. . . . the remark that worried hotel owners most was his assertion that, "The rooms are so small even the mice are hunchbacked." . . . and he wound up his apologies by relating the incident of a three-decker sandwich he once ordered. . . . "The ceiling was so low," he said, "the waiter brought it in one deck at a time!" . . . They're now broadcasting the swing stuff from Cafe Society, a N. Y. Village spot that looks like Harlem. . . . Abe Lyman tried to conduct a telephone survey himself but when listeners heard it was Abe on the phone, they'd question him. . . . finally, the idea had to be abandoned. . . . Answering your question: Ed Byron, the Mr. District Attorney producer, is also the man behind the What's My Name show. . . . When that Arabian Nights script hits the airwaves you will agree it will be one of the most novel bits on the air.

Whenever the gals of Phil Spitalny's orchestra are late for a rehearsal they must contribute to a "fine" box. . . . the sum has now reached \$270 so they'll throw a party next week. . . . Mary Small already has seven broadcasting years to her credit. . . . ironic that Rudy Vallee, her discoverer, is off the air. . . . Jay C. Flippen rates praise for his work on the Milton Berle show. . . . he's tops. . . . The seal Dave Elman had on his Hobby Lobby program cost him a pretty penny. . . . the thing was eating fish as fast as Elman could buy 'em from neighboring restaurants. . . . Jean Hersholt's Dr. Christian dramas will now come to you an hour earlier. . . . A 10-year-old giving his answer of those quiz shows defined a neutral country. . . . "That," said the lad, "is a country in danger!"

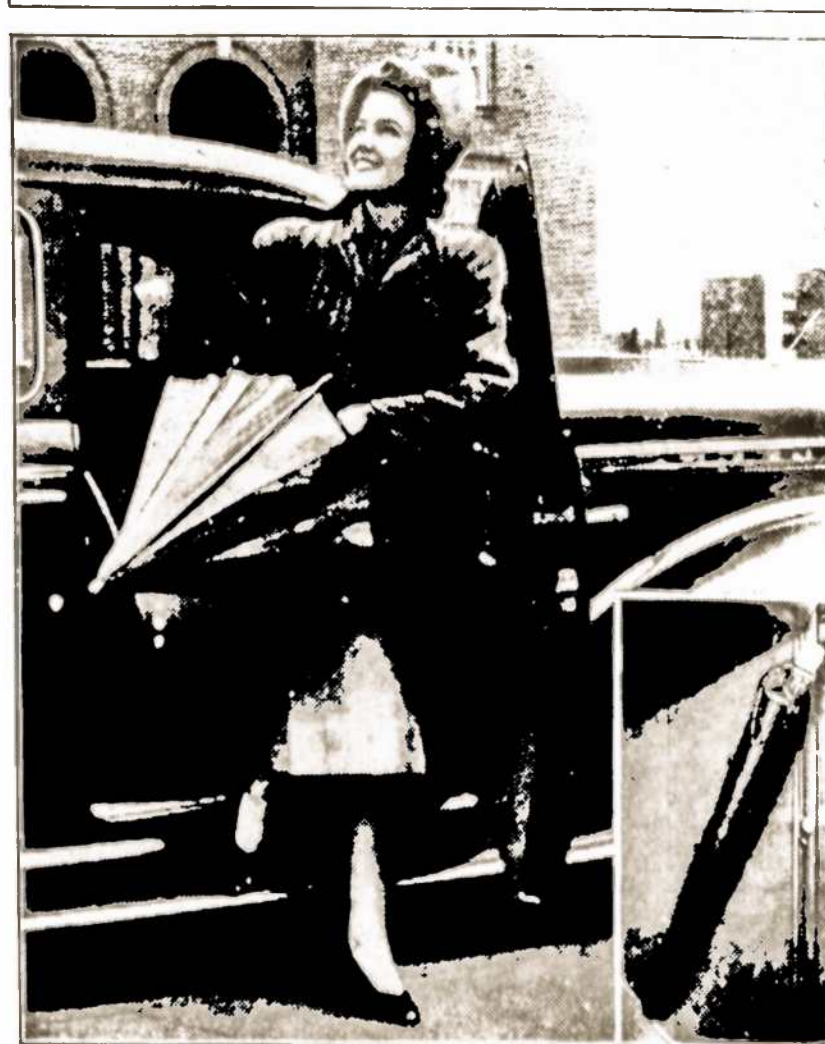
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Boss: What does he look like?
Stenog.: He looks like you'd better pay it.

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Always useful, the once prosaic umbrella has become a modern fashion accessory. With the advent of the Autobrella. The ingenious and practical article is carried in its metal sheath on the right side of the driver's compartment, just forward of the door. Miss Yvonne Gillespie seems pleased at discovering the need of hers, as she steps from her new Chevrolet.

"THE BEST LAND"

If I knew a better land in this glorious world of ours, Where a man gets bigger money and is working shorter hours; If the Briton or the Frenchman had an easier life than mine, I'd pack my goods this minute and I'd sail across the brine. But I notice when an alien wants a land of hope and cheer, And a future for his children he comes out and settles here.

Here's the glorious land of Freedom. Here's the milk and honey goal For the peasant out of Russia, for the long subjected Pole. It is here the sons of Italy and men of Austria turn For the comfort of their bodies and the money they can earn. And with all that men complain of, and all that goes amiss, There's no happier, better nation on the world's broad face than this.

So I'm thinking when I listen to the wails of discontent, And some foreign disbeliever spreads his evil sentiment, That the breed of hate and envy that is sowing sin and shame In this glorious land of Freedom should go back from whence it came. And I hold it is the duty, rich or poor, of every man, Who enjoys this country's bounty, to be All American.

—By Edgar A. Guest

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A fashionably dressed woman approached the flower-seller and asked for a shilling's worth of blooms. After the purchase she inquired: "Will you be here next Wednesday, as I shall want some flowers for my daughter? She's coming out that day."

"She shall have the best on the market, ma'am," the woman answered. "What's she in for?"

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West Northfield and South Vernon

The annual meeting of the South Vernon church will be Jan. 2, at 1:30 p. m. Reports and election of officers for the Sunday school will be Jan. 7.

Miss Helen Wozniak, who is at Framingham Teachers' college, Miss Steffie Wozniak, employed at Northfield Seminary, Miss Josephine Wozniak of New York City, were at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wozniak for the Christmas holiday.

Miss Vera Vaughn has gone to Charlestown, N. H., to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Fred Reece.

Miss Caroline Lane of the Vernon Home spent Christmas with friends in Northfield.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunklee were dinner guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Charles Tenney, in Northfield Farms, Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Brooks were Christmas guests at the home of his aunt, Mrs. R. E. Bruce.

The Christmas exercises at the South Vernon church Friday evening were well attended. A program was given by the choir, children of the Sunday school, and others.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dalton and sons spent Sunday with her mother in East Westmoreland, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lilly and family spent Sunday with her mother in West Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Black spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Louie Jilson in Bernardston.

Mrs. Eva Smart and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smart were with friends in Brattleboro, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Langua visited their daughter in Williamansett.

Many family gatherings were held by local folks at Christmas time. Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Barnes had a large family reunion. Mrs. C. E. Scherlin entertained her mother, Mrs. Clara Pratt. Mrs. A. H. Farnum had guests as did William Hilliard.

Miss Grace Randall is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Randall.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Marks and son, Curtis, of Saxtons River, Vt., spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Holton. Tommy Holton returned to their home for a visit.

The South School P.-T. A. will meet next Tuesday evening. After the business meeting there will be a program, directed by Mrs. Ruth Holton.

Richard Bolton, accompanied by his grandmother, Mrs. F. H. Doolittle of Northfield are spending a few days with relatives in New York City.

Mrs. Eugene Bruhm of Medford is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Barnes.

Fred Langua, Jr., of New London, Ct., spent Christmas with his father, Fred Langua.

Mr. and Mrs. August Bouldry and family of Bridgewater were Christmas day guests of her sister, Mrs. Philip Holton. Mr. and Mrs. Holton entertained a party of about 25 relatives at dinner for Christmas.

Miss Betty Watson, accompanied by her nephew, Clinton Holton, are visiting her father, Joseph Weston, in Belvidere, N. J. Theodore Darby, Jr., of Uncasville, Ct., is visiting at the home of his uncle, Ralph Holton.

A group of young people from the Trinitarian Congregational church sang Christmas carols at the homes of shut-ins in West Northfield Sunday evening.

Vernon Grange held a Christmas party Wednesday evening, with exchange of gifts. The next dance at the Vernon Grange hall will be held Friday, Dec. 29.

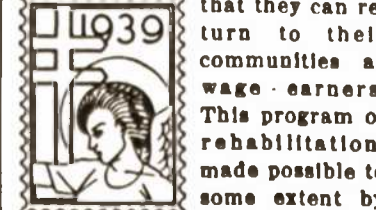
Hugh Laplante, who has been working in Ashuelot, N. H., is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Addie Laplante.

Rev. John L. Conklin of Torrington, Ct., will be the speaker at the morning service at the South Vernon church at 10:30 Sunday, and at evening meeting at 7. It is expected that Mrs. Conklin will accompany him. Sunday school will be held at 11:45 a. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at the Vernon Home Thursday at 7 p. m.

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EDITORIAL

The Editor

Extends To All

Readers

Best Wishes For

A Happy New Year

The year is passing, let it go—
would that even many of its me-
mories and experiences might
fade. Sorrow and suffering for all
mankind has filled its pages and
tyranny and despotism has run
wild. The record has been written
in red, in the blood of which mar-
tyrs are made. In the brotherhood
of man selfishness has been mani-
fested and at times it would seem
as if Godliness had departed—yet
with it all true reverent souls,
know full well that God's in His
heaven, all's well with the world.
There must be a new awakening,
it must come, with the promise
of brighter and better things.
May 1940 usher in with our help
the new era.

In an official listing of cities
and towns in the state, there are
nine whose rates exceed \$50 for
the current year. Seventy-two
have a rate exceeding \$40 to
\$49.99. One hundred and sixty-
five have rates between \$30 and
\$39.99 and 105 towns have rates
under \$30. This list marks a real
effort to lower the community tax
rate everywhere and the great
majority of communities have
apparently done so. In this re-
duction Northfield is not included
for our expenditures have risen.
As town meeting approaches it
will be well for our citizens to
give concern to all appropriations
before the gathering rather than
to complain and groan afterward.

This holiday season the United
States has much to be thankful
for—and the ancient greeting of
"Happy new year" should have
more than ordinary significance.
Alone of the great powers of the
world, we are at peace, and re-
mote from the bloody shambles of
war.

That we will stay at peace
should be every American's pas-
sionate resolution. For war does
more than destroy lives and prop-
erty. It destroys ideals, institu-
tions, principles—the best that
centuries of our forebears have
bequeathed us. Certainly this
weary planet should have learned
by now that there are no victors
in modern war—there are only
losers.

Peace is the finest holiday gift
any nation in this war-torn world
can have. Let us esteem the privi-
lege highly and so conduct our-
selves as to retain it.

Know Massachusetts

Compiled by
State Planning Board

Do you know that more than 78
million pairs of shoes were pro-
duced in Massachusetts during
1939? Nearly four billion kilowatt
hours of electric current
were consumed in the state.
Cost of living during the year
averaged 1 per cent less than in
1938. Approximately \$288,-
000,000 of life insurance was pur-
chased. The State Planning
Board index showed Massachu-
setts industrial business averaged
about 10 per cent better than in
1938; at the close of the year it

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imately 100,000 new passenger
automobiles were bought in Mass-
achusetts during 1939, more than
half again as many as last year.
Spindle hours worked in cot-
ton textile mills of the state are
recorded at about 9,728,000,000
for 1939, an increase of 34 per
cent over 1938. . . . WPA has con-
tributed more than eighty million
dollars to the Massachusetts wage
total during the past year. . . . A
consensus of business men's fore-
casts shows an average better predic-
tion of about 10 per cent better busi-
ness and employment for 1940
than in 1939. . . . The State Plan-
ning Board wishes you all a happy
and prosperous New Year.

Back Yard Gardener

Yes folks, now that Christmas
is over, I'm starting my annual
observance of the Saturnalia. In
case you are not acquainted with
that, it's the celebration which the
old Romans held in mid-December
in honor of their god Saturn. The
Romans realized that December
21 was the shortest day of the
year and then the sun started its
northward march. That meant the
coming of a new year. Of course
they applied it to agriculture, and
I'm going to include the back yard
gardeners.

The point I'm making is that
back yard gardeners can spend
many a happy evening celebrating
the return of the sun by looking
through garden catalogs. Of
course I realize, as one of my old
college professors said, "There's
many a slip between expectation
and realization," but you can rest
assured that I am putting some
beautiful expectations into my
garden this coming spring and
summer. As to realization, I'll
worry about that later.

I also know that if we let our
anticipations run away with us we
are apt to find them rather ex-
pensive, but nevertheless I do get
a big thrill out of trying out new
varieties of flowers. You frequently
read in the garden catalogs
about this variety or that variety
getting a gold medal. Well, that
can serve as a guide, but I like to
test them because "what is one
man's meat is another man's poison."
That's putting it a little bit
strong, but I think you get what
I mean; namely, that what some-
one else thinks is heavenly blue
may be another hue to you.

Well, anyway it's time to order
your new catalogs in case you are
not already on the mailing list of
the various concerns and to be
giving considerable thought to
what your garden is going to in-
clude this year. So much for that,
although I do want to say one
other thing, and that is that gar-
den catalogs contain not only a
list of new and old varieties, but
they also contain some very valu-
able information on cultural prac-
tices, so study them carefully.

The other thing I wanted to
mention was fruit varieties. For

some years now I have heard the
fruit men recommend the New
England Seven—McIntosh, Bald-
win, Delicious, Rhode Island
Greening, Gravenstein, Wealthy,
and Northern Spy.

When the American Pomologi-
cal society first started, about 70
years ago, to give attention to
apple varieties, there were nearly
300 on the approved list, and I
was interested to learn that more
than 100 named varieties of
apples have originated in Massa-
chusetts. I really had no idea that
there were even 100 named varieties
in the world.

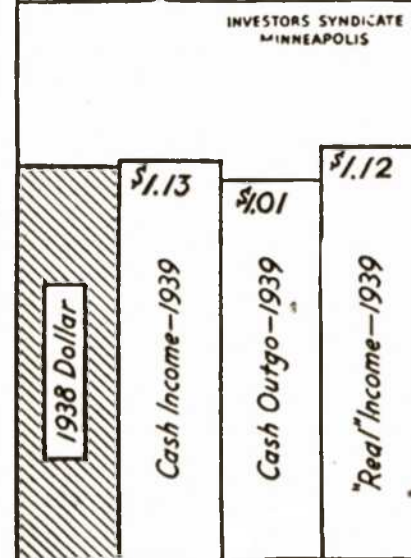
I understand there is going to
be an exhibit of these old-fash-
ioned varieties at the Union Agri-
cultural meeting in Worcester,
January 3, 4 and 5. I mention
that so just in case you are going
to be in Worcester these three
days you might drop in and see
the exhibit. It will be at the Wor-
cester Memorial Hall.

I understand, too, that the
State College at Amherst is inter-
ested in receiving varieties for
top grafting of such old-time
varieties as Autumn Strawberry,
Bottle Greening, Cathed, Con-
gress, Delaware Red (Lawver),
Dudley, Fall Harvey, Garden Royal,
Gloria Mundi, Golden Pippin,
Holden, Jacob Sweet, Lyscom,
Martha Stripe, Nodhead (Jewett),
Palmer Greening, Peck Pleasant,
Walter Pease, Washington Straw-
berry.

They just like to try out some
of these and see whether any of
them have any qualities which will
make them rank up to the New
England Seven. I am sure they
will be glad to hear from you if
you can help them along this line.

American Income Rises 13 Cents; Living Costs Up a Cent Over Year Ago

PURCHASING POWER OCTOBER, 1939, Compared with OCTOBER, 1938



THE above chart, showing how
the average American fared in
national income changes in the last
twelve months, is based on the
monthly consumers' study of Inves-
tors Syndicate of Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Public in October
had a "real income" of \$1.12, or an
increase of 12 cents on the dollar
over the same 1938 month. This
"real income" is not a subtraction
of cash income and expenditures,
but an average relative of these
figures designed to show how living
costs affect adjusted income dollars.

Cash income of Mr. and Mrs.
Public in October was \$1.13 for
every \$1 a year earlier. This gain
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sulted from the following changes
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vestment income was up eight cents
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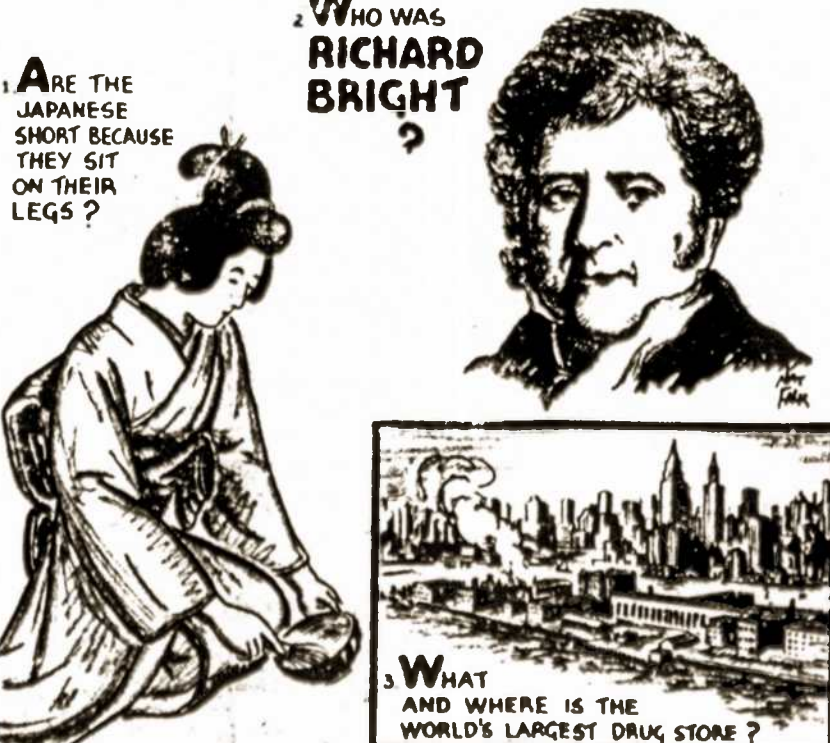
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